Folk of Grand Lake To Dedicate Church They Made of Logs

Grand Lake, Colo., Aug. 29.—(A. P.)—A handsome church of peeled pine logs, which nearly every resident of the little mountain resort town of Grand Lake had a hand in building, will be dedicated Sunday.

A monument to the community's co-operative enterprise, the church will be opened without a penny of debt against it. Gifts of time and labor and skill, as well as money, made possible its completion without the borrowing of a single dollar.

The dedication ceremony will consummate five years of freely offered labor with hammer and saw on the building and of scraping to raise money for what had to be bought. If it had been built and paid for in an ordinary manner, the church probably would have cost more than $10,000.

Constructed of native logs and stone, the little church's architecture is harmonious to its setting in a stand of tall, dark pines near the Grand lake shore.

Instead of a religious painting back of its pulpit, the Grand Lake Community Presbyterian church has a great window framing a view of Shadow mountain across the lake.

The building idea was born in 1937 when a community congregation was organized with thirty-one members. The group which carried on and finished the job now numbers sixty-four.

Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church of Chicago, who has spent fourteen summer vacations here, was the project's godfather, lending constant encouragement and assistance.

The congregation's present pastor, the Rev. William Hage of Chicago, served as summer pastor for two years while a student at Union Theological seminary. He was ordained last spring.

ROOSEVELT SENDS PERSONAL MESSAGE.

President Roosevelt sent the following message which Dr. Anderson will read at the dedication:

"I trust that the dedication of the little church built in Grand Lake thru the sacrifice and devotion of the good people there will be a milestone in the spiritual life of the community.

"Now, as always, we need the strength that comes from the reliance on the Most High and I hope the faith of all those whose labor builded this temple will be quickened by the influence which will emanate from it.

"Please extend my hearty greetings to all who participate in the exercises."

Another letter of congratulations was received from Stuart Nye Hutchison of Pittsburgh, Pa., moderator of the Presbyterian church of the United States.

Much of the carpentry and masonry work was done by resort operators and employes, who have to be jacks-of-all-trades in their kind of business.

Reluctant to single out any person for commendation because all together deserve credit, Pastor Hage says that Merle Hall and Arthur Link are examples of the workers who created the church.

HALL DID MASONRY AND LINK SURVEYED.

Hall, a resort operator who's an expert rock mason on the side, put in the rock foundations and chimneys. Link, a federal reclamation bureau engineer on the Alva B. Adams tunnel project, did the surveying and engineering.

The congregation women did their part raising money with food sales, bazaars, and Christmas wreath projects.

Many summer visitors gave cash gifts and artists, like James Sykes, pianist, and Miss Jeanette Humphrey, dramatist, appeared in benefit recitals.

The congregation's elders are Homer Smith, Mrs. Lela C. Davis, Caroline Holzworth and Carl Nelson. The trustees are Mrs. Carrie Schnorr, Harold Hawkins, Arthur Link and Carl Meyers. Henry Schnorr is honorary trustee.